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House Resolution No. 443

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Bill Ghan took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Maxine, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on March 5, 1955, in Clever, Missouri; and

Whereas, five decades later Bill and Maxine Ghan will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on March 5, 2005, in Nixa; and

Whereas, the marital union of Bill and Maxine Ghan has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Brent Ghan and Lisa Ghan Blumenstock, and their grandchild, Chris; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Ghan supported their family and enhanced the quality of life in their hometown through their activities as educators, with Bill Ghan retiring after thirty-seven years and Maxine Ghan retiring after twenty years; and

Whereas, Bill and Maxine Ghan will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Bill and Maxine Ghan during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Bill and Maxine Ghan and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bill and Maxine Ghan of Nixa, Missouri.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 443, adopted February 9, 2005.